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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT**

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Invention Title <b>METHOD FOR SEPARATING BACKGROUND SPRITE AND FOREGROUND OBJECT AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING SEGMENTATION MASK AND THE APPARATUS</b>	Inventor(s) JINZENJI et al.		

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. A concise explanation, which has been prepared by applicants' Japanese counsel, of the relevance of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 is as follows:

The relevance between the above documents and the present invention is that the above documents and the present invention relate to MPEG-4 coding.

3. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed.

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Information Disclosure Statement

The applicant(s) is(are) aware of the following document(s):

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(1) Kumi Jinzenji, Hiroshi Watanabe, Naoki Kobayashi, "Automatic VOP Generation Scheme and MPEG-4 Video Coding", PCSJ99, 27 September 1999.

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(2) Kumi Jinzenji, Hiroshi Watanabe, Naoki Kobayashi, "Automatic Two-layer VOP Generation and Its Application to MPEG-4 Video Coding", TECHNICAL REPORT OF IEICE, CS99-135, IE99-115 (1999-12).

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(3) International application Number PCT/JP97/04814, WO 98/29834, 9 July 1998.

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